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SUSPENDED TIES



Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., speaks during a morning meeting while attending the "Showcase for Commerce" trade show in Johnstown, Pa., Friday, May 29, 2009. Federal investigators recently raided two long-time sources of political donations for Murtha, but that hasn't fazed the world's largest defense contractors. Their contributions, as always, are flooding into the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

See *INTERNATIONAL NEWS*

SPORTS NEWS

SURVIVAL MODE



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James gets fouled by Orlando Magic's Marcin Gortat, from Poland, as Hedo Turkoglu (15), from Turkey, watches in the fourth quarter of Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals Thursday, May 28, 2009, in Cleveland.

See *Sports Today*

Peter Greenberg's Radio Show conducts a live remote broadcast from Aruba



PALM BEACH -- Peter Greenberg, America's most recognized, honored and respected front-line travel expert, who was the former travel correspondent for The Today Show, recently left his position at NBC and is now focusing on his radio show and travel books. As part of his live broadcast initiative, Peter arrived in Aruba to promote the island as the ideal travel destination. During his live radio show he communicated the island's key tourism messages, via a series of interviews with a number of island personalities.

Peter Greenberg's Radio Show is approximately three hours long. It is nationally syndicated and airs on 140 U.S. stations



and XM satellite radio.

The show has 1.5 million listeners each week.

The Aruba show featured three parts, each lasting approximately one hour. The first hour contained updates and travel news, the second hour covered the local flavors of Aruba, which included interviews with locals, and the last hour delivered questions and answers from listeners calling in.

The broadcast on Thursday took place in the main lobby of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa right next to the Sunset Grille restaurant the resort's AAA 4-star rated American steakhouse.

Rayon Koolman of the Aruba Tourism Authority escorted Peter and his crew, producer Margaret Emery, and writer Colleen McCormick. □

Charlie lands a big fish



Oranjestad -- Charlie & Donna Clark, from Rhode Island, coming to Aruba since 1991 - they started with 2 weeks of timeshare at Divi Village and now they own 6 weeks, says Divi executive Carol Jansen - they love the weather, love

their friends and love fishing, Aruba is their home away from home, they enthuse, and on a recent visit they were extraordinarily lucky to land a big fish, on charter boat Lady Catherine. Pictured here Charlie and his big fish!! □



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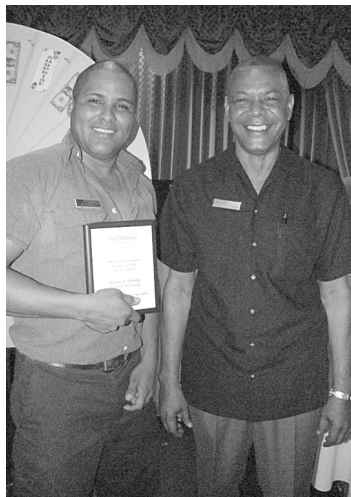
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on a daily basis. Recently, a lunch reception was held to honor the nominees for the month of April.

For the Front of the House, Patrick Leppers was chosen as the Brand Champion for his performance at the Front Desk. He is acknowledged as a key player there and consistently receives positive guest comments and excellent reviews on Trip Advisor, and proves to be a great asset to

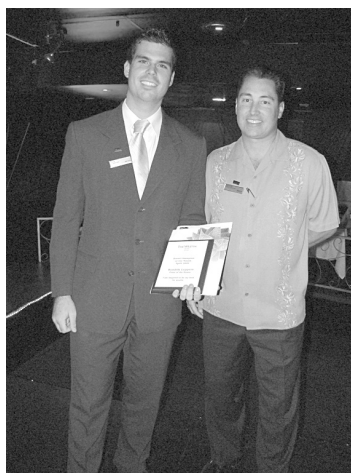
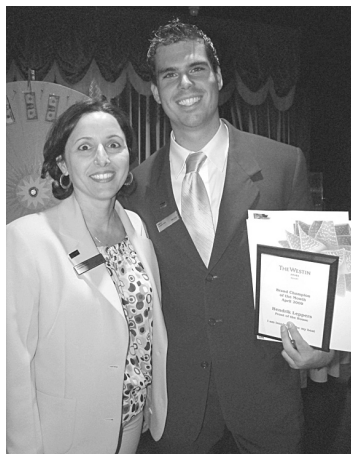


the Front Desk team.

The winner from the Heart of the House was Eduard Tromp from Engineering. His proactive approach within his department, along with his superior technical skills, helps keep this vital department

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PALM BEACH - The wine tasting sessions at the Westin Resort, held last Friday for the trade, were a big hit.

Local wine importers showed off their latest lines and there were several seminars, held in the elegant ballrooms of the resort.

There was lots of interest for the Spanish Marqués de Cáceres wines, imported by the Arion Wine Company.

Sommelier and wine specialist Jorge Miranda-Sanchez of this

great vineyard was on the island for the occasion. About 75 interested people attended his seminars. These wine tastings were set up together with the Aruba Trading Company; they formed part of the Aruba Wine, Food & Art event of last weekend. Wines tasted were the Marqués de Cáceres Blanco Joven, the Rosado and the Rioja Crianza. Their fruitiness, overtones and aftertaste were the topics of lively discussions. Photos show Mr. Miranda-Sanchez in action. □

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New favorite specials on the menu of Scandals Restaurant

ORANJESTAD - Scandals Restaurant in the Renaissance Marketplace is getting a facelift. Maybe you have already noticed its new, spacious terrace in the colors beige and brown that invites you to come and sit down, sip a delicious coffee or a reviving drink.

Of course you can come to Scandals on your own, but it might be more fun to bring a friend, a potential lover or a long-lost family member. And don't forget that Scandals is right across from the Renaissance Cinemas: the best place to meet before or after a movie.

Daily interesting specials that you might like to know about are the wraps with French fries, in particular the Tuna, the Crab or the Club wraps are hot, but the Seafood Salad or the Spicy Shrimp Salad are great choices as well. Favorites on the regular menu are the Fish Chowder Soup, the Steak Sandwich, the Club Sandwich and the Goat Cheese Salad. A lovely cup of cappuccino, regular coffee or tea comes with a Belgian chocolate these days, so splurge!

Dinner is fun with the Stuffed Grouper and Shrimps, Beef Tenderloin with a Red Wine Reduction or Chicken Breast and Ribs; appetizers include Escargots, Chicken Primavera and Saté. Should you wish to come in for drinks, then Scandals has a fabulous list of Bartender Specials.

What to think of the Absolute Raspberry with a splash of Cranberry or a Bacardi Peach and Lime? Sit down and enjoy!

Scandals would not be Scandals without a hint of scandals. The restaurant therefore provides a wide selection of reading material and newspapers, so you can get your fill of scandals. For children there are coloring books. The restaurant is open from 10 am until midnight. □



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At Caribbean Tourism HR Conference

Hilton Hotel HR Director discusses Making Tourism Jobs Aspirational and Challenging



Mirta Rivera-Rodriguez

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao – A senior official of one of the world's leading hotel brands has warned that the Caribbean's tourism sector will continue to face human resources challenges unless there's a change in attitude toward human resources development. Director of Human Resources

at the Miami Regional Office of Hilton Hotels Corporation, Mirta Rivera-Rodriguez said too often in the Caribbean, a lack of trained candidates forces employers have to settle workers who are not qualified for the job.

"When we go outside, especially in the Caribbean to attract the candidate, we want to make sure that we attract the right candidate for the right position. But we end up - especially when we are short in the supply of human resources - getting the first person that shows up that maybe can make it happen for us and we hire them and that is the birth of a new problem for you as an employer because that person doesn't have what it takes," Ms. Rivera-Rodriguez told delegates attending the 5th

Annual Caribbean Tourism Human Resources Conference here.

In a presentation on Making Tourism Jobs Aspirational and Challenging, the Hilton executive suggested that employers in the Caribbean tourism sector adopt the Hilton principle of "attract, motivate and retrain" to help workers become productive, while the region seeks a long term solution to the problem.

Otherwise, she said, the sector would continue to recycle staff who were not up to the task of providing quality and reliable service.

"We need a holistic approach to develop our human resources. But they must have something within themselves. They have to want to work. They need to feel they are productive,"



5th Annual Caribbean Tourism Human Resources Conference Attendees

the Hilton human resources director said. "Otherwise we will always be training them and preaching and coming back and forth and recycling. We terminate somebody here and you hire them there."

Ms. Rivera-Rodriguez

suggested that the answer to the sector's human resources problems lie in education and she recommended that industry leaders work with educational institutions at various levels in an attempt to influence the educational process.

"If we start early in life with them, if we help them to develop self esteem, it doesn't matter in what position they come to work with any employer they will always be successful. We are talking about ethics, we are talking about working to have the education process embrace them, not only to add, subtract and read but to be productive citizens," Ms. Rivera-Rodriguez said.

The 5th Annual Caribbean Tourism Human Resources Conference, which has as its theme, Best Practices for Creating a Motivated and Productive Tourism Workforce, is organised by the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), in collaboration with the Curacao Tourist Board. □

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While the greater part of the "Havana Dance" review enjoys predominantly Cuban flavor, the show is graced with a truly unique Caribbean choreography, and many tropical touches. "Havana Dance" unfolds on a two-tiered stage, with entrances and exits to and off the arena at different heights, which presents a



new visual concept. The custom-designed costumes are sensual, daring, colorful, and luxurious and set "Havana Dance" apart from any other cabaret.

Producer Steve Hudson who enjoyed an unprecedentedly-successful seven-year run with his previous "Let's Go Latin" review, conceived and created an exciting and much-evolved new must-see spectacle.

Tickets for "Havana Dance" are US\$ 49.- Children under 12 pay US\$25.-

Tickets are available at the theater box office, Renaissance Aruba Resort, and can also be purchased

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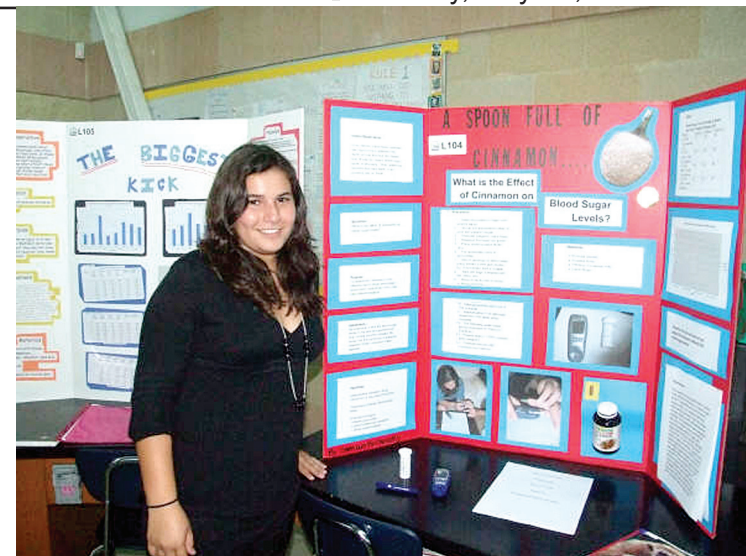
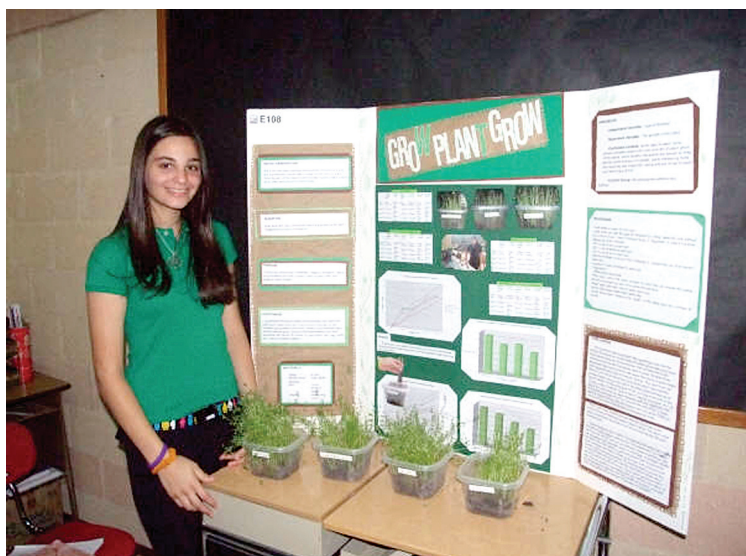
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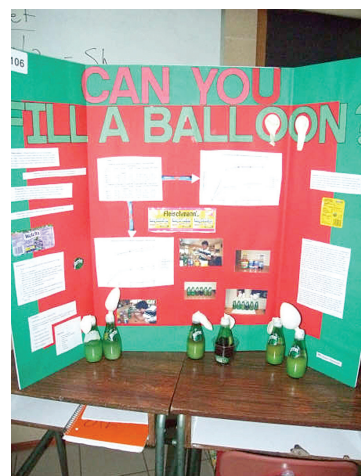
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WAYAKA - Those who attended The International School of Aruba's annual Science Fair on May 28, 2009 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm were amazed, entertained and educated by tomorrow's scientists. Students from grades 6-8 chose a unique

project and displayed their findings using the scientific method on a triple panel display board. Projects were judged by esteemed members of the community on the basis of: creativity/originality, scientific purpose and complexity. As we develop scientific understanding within the school community, we thanked those who joined us in our endeavor to allow these young thinkers, to develop into responsible young adults who realize the significance of science in their everyday lives. □



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Mari-Jaindrah Gomez celebrates at Amazonia Churrascaria



PALM BEACH -- Mari-Jaindrah Gomez celebrated her holy communion at Amazonia Churrascaria. The private-room was set aside for a family function, and it was fully decorated with balloons and ribbons and a beautiful dessert display.

"The little girl, and her family members" says restaurant manager Hubert Solagnier, "are very special to me, and I promised to make the party memorable."

Pictured here fun moments from the elegant Holy Communion party, at Amazonia Churrascaria with family members and associates of Conar NV in attendance.



Curacao rules against PDVSA refinery emissions

By Carolina Nicolaas

WILLEMSTAD, May 28 (Reuters) - A refinery on Curacao operated by Venezuela's state oil company is damaging people's health and must cut emissions or face multi-million dollar fines, a court on the Caribbean island ruled on Thursday. Judge Erik van Unen ruled in favor of 26 people and two bodies that brought a civil case against the 320,000 barrel per day Isla refinery claiming excessive emissions of sulfur dioxide and particulates in the air had caused serious health problems.

From 2010, exceeding a

maximum yearly average sulphur Dioxide emission will cost the Venezuelan company, PDVSA, about \$3 million. The refinery is permitted to exceed a particulate limit 18 times a year. Further violations will cost Isla \$300,000 per day. PDVSA said Isla, which it leases from Curacao and is trying to buy, was not the only polluter on the island of 130,000 people located 40 miles (60 km) off the Venezuelan coast.

The company has not yet commented on the ruling but is expected to appeal. In the past PDVSA has said it would cost \$1.5 billion to meet stricter emissions

standards at the refinery.

But Van Unen said in his ruling the company would need to invest just \$100 million to comply.

In 2007, a Curacao court threatened to close Isla if it cannot meet emissions standards, citing a study estimating that 18 people die prematurely every year from contaminant exposure.

Van Unen also took into account excessive flaring that sometimes runs for days and weeks. The amounts to be paid were decided with the serious health consequences and the earnings of PDVSA in mind, the judge stated.

PDVSA is under pressure to keep Isla running as it struggles with repeated outages at its own refineries in Venezuela.

Gasoline from Isla is exported mainly to other Caribbean Nations and South America.

Critics also say PDVSA, which has been in talks to buy the refinery for two years, provides few benefits to the island.

Curacao took in less than 1

percent of Isla's 2007 sales of \$5 billion, receiving a rent payment of less than \$20 million and almost no taxes.

Curacao became an affluent trading port in the Atlantic slave trade in the 17th and 18th centuries.

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Stock market soars in late-day rally



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange May 19, 2009.

By MADLEN READ,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street sealed the third month of its spring rally with a huge advance. The fourth month looks a little less certain.

Stocks shot higher right before the closing bell Friday after fluctuating on a mix of economic data. Analysts said the surge was the work of short-sellers who had bet that stocks would fall and then had to rush to buy when those bets turned out to be wrong.

A jump in commodities prices, which came on expectations that an improving economy will lift demand for raw materials, also fed the advance.

Even though Wall Street ended May with a big win, it was the shakiest month of the spring rally that started in early March with the first signs that the economy's slide was slowing. When trading resumes Monday, investors are expected to show more of their recent skepticism about how strong the recovery will be once the recession has ended.

New worries are weighing on investors including climbing interest rates and a weaker dollar. Crude oil prices recently hit a six-month high above \$66 a barrel, while the dollar on Friday sank to its lowest level in months against the euro and British pound.

Some analysts say these developments are simply the consequence of a recovery in the economy and the financial markets, but others warn these trends could threaten the economy's health in the long-

REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton term.

Another more short-term obstacle is General Motors Corp.'s expected bankruptcy filing on Monday, the automaker's restructuring deadline.

The market has been factoring in the likelihood of a GM bankruptcy for months, but investors still are unsure what the fallout might be for auto suppliers and other companies.

"Technically, the market is looking quite good," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at the brokerage house Avalon Partners Inc. "Although, I suspect we'll probably stay within this trading range for another couple of weeks."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 96.53, or 1.2 percent, to 8,500.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12.31, or 1.4 percent, to 919.14, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 22.54, or 1.3 percent, to 1,774.33.

All three indexes rose sharply for the week and, more importantly, had their third straight winning month. The Dow is up 4.1 percent for May, the S&P 500 index is up 5.3 percent, and the Nasdaq is up 3.3 percent.

Friday's economic data prevented the market from finding a direction for much of the day. Commerce Department's report on first-quarter gross domestic product showed the economy contracted at an annual rate of 5.7 percent, a bit more than analysts' forecasts. Also, personal spending was revised lower. But the drop

in GDP was smaller than the 6.1 percent estimated last month, and the report showed corporate profits rising.

The report "points to recovery," Cardillo said. "And what you have here is a market that continues to look for recovery."

The Chicago-area purchasing executives monthly report of Midwest manufacturing activity showed a bigger decrease in May than in April. Analysts had anticipated a smaller contraction. The report is viewed as a precursor to the Institute for Supply Management's national manufacturing index, due Monday.

But helping counteract that disappointing report was the University of Michigan's index of consumer sentiment, which showed a larger-than-expected increase in May. Another report earlier in the week suggested an upswing in consumer confidence, too.

Government bonds rose, pushing down yields.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.46 percent from 3.62 percent late Thursday.

The 10-year yield hit a six-month high of 3.75 percent on Wednesday. Spiking interest rates earlier this week stoked concerns about Americans' ability to borrow and refinance mortgages.

Oil prices have been jumping to six-month highs as the dollar tumbles. Light, sweet crude rose \$1.23 to settle at \$66.31 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold and silver prices rose as well.

Rising commodities prices have driven some of the best performers in the stock market over the past month: Metal and coal producers, miners and pipelines.

Technology stocks have also picked up in recent weeks.

The weakening dollar is also drawing more investors, like Robert Pavlik of Banyan Partners LLC, to the stocks of multinational companies. Those companies can export more and earn higher overseas revenues when the dollar is down, he said. □



A woman fills her car with fuel at a BP petrol station in Dartford in southern England April 19, 2009.

REUTERS/Luke MacGregor

Oil hits 6-month high above \$66 on economic hopes

By Edward McAllister

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Oil rose to a six-month high above \$66 per barrel on Friday, marking its largest monthly percentage gain in more than a decade, after U.S., Japanese and Indian data suggested the economic downturn may be easing.

Oil prices jumped around 30 percent this month, the largest monthly rise since March 1999, buoyed by expectations of a global economic recovery later this year, which helped push stock markets higher.

U.S. crude oil for July delivery settled up \$1.23 at \$66.31, its highest settlement since November 4, after earlier hitting \$66.47, the highest intraday trade since November 5.

London Brent crude settled up \$1.13 at \$65.52, its highest settle since November 4.

The dollar hit a five-month low against a basket of other currencies. A weak dollar makes oil cheaper for holders of other currencies and tends to support prices.

Data on Friday showed Japanese industrial production rose 5.2 percent in April on a monthly basis, and the government said it expected continued gains through June.

U.S. growth data on Friday also reinforced the sense that the global economic slump might be abating.

The Commerce Department said the world's largest economy contracted slightly less than initially estimated in the first quarter, dropping at a 5.7 percent annual rate, rather than the 6.1 percent fall published by the government last month.

The revision was nevertheless below market expectations for a 5.5 percent contraction for the January-March quarter.

India's economy grew faster than expected in the first quarter, helped by strength in farm and services sectors.

"Oil market participants' conclusion that the worst of the recession has passed and a recovery in demand must be at hand was bolstered overnight by higher-than-expected first-quarter growth in India and a sharp jump in Japan's April industrial production," said Mike Fitzpatrick, vice president at MF Global in New York.

U.S. INVENTORIES

Another supportive influence was Thursday's report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration on U.S. crude oil stocks, which fell 5.4 million barrels in the week to May 22, way above analysts' expectations in a Reuters poll for a 700,000 barrel decline.

Gasoline inventories also fell for the fifth week in a row as demand rose in the week preceding the Memorial Day holiday, which traditionally marks the start of the summer driving season in the United States.

"The market has reacted to the headline figures," said Harry Tchilinguirian, analyst at BNP Paribas in London. □

Dollar sinks to 2009 euro low before growth data

LONDON (AFP) – The dollar on Friday slumped to its lowest level versus the euro this year with the US currency losing its safe-haven status amid increasing signs of economic recovery, traders said.

In London trade, the European single currency spiked to 1.4106 dollars -- the highest point since December 31 -- compared with 1.3943 dollars late in New York on Thursday.

Against the Japanese currency, the dollar fell to 96.34 yen from 96.77 yen late Thursday. Markets are looking ahead to US economic growth data due Friday, with analysts expecting gross domestic product to have fallen 5.5 percent in the first quarter rather than an initial estimate of 6.1 percent.

Data on Thursday showed an unexpectedly strong 1.9 percent increase in US durable goods new orders in April and new US unemployment claims fell to 623,000 in the past week, a better reading than forecast by most analysts.

The data “didn’t dent hopes of an economic recovery in the second half of the year,” said analysts at NAB Capital.

Earlier Friday, dealers digested news that prices in the eurozone stagnated in May over one year for the first time since records began.

The Eurostat estimate put 12-month inflation in the eurozone -- numbering 16 nations since this year -- at 0.0 percent in May, the lowest point since 1996.

IHS Global Insight analyst Howard Archer said the data coupled with the prospect of prices falling in the coming months on an annual basis may cause the European Central Bank (ECB) to cut interest rates to new lows.

“The ECB has ample scope to keep interest rates down at 1.00 percent for an extended period and to even cut them further should there be any faltering in the current mounting signs that the rate of eurozone economic contraction is slowing substantially,” said

Archer. The yen meanwhile firmed against the dollar and euro on Friday after better-than-expected Japanese industrial data fanned hopes for an economic recovery, traders said.

Japan’s industrial output in April jumped 5.2 percent from the previous month. It beat

market expectations for an increase of around 3.3 percent, sparking hopes of a recovery.

In London trade on Friday, the euro was changing hands at 1.4106 dollars against 1.3943 dollars late on Thursday, at 134.92 yen (135.00), 0.8723 pounds (0.8742) and 1.5146 Swiss francs (1.5114). □



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Why Obama's Court Pick is Already a Winner

Joe Conason

Creators Syndicate – Choosing Sonia Sotomayor as his first nominee to the United States Supreme Court will allow Barack Obama to prove three important things. As a politician, he is not afraid of a fight. As a constitutional lawyer, he is willing and able to defend his conception of that living document. And as president, he is prepared to brush aside the phony consensus of Washington's gossipy elite.

When battle commences over the nomination of Sotomayor, a judge currently serving on New York's Second Circuit federal appeals court and a woman with working-class Puerto Rican roots in the Bronx, the president should welcome it, because he cannot lose politically. If he wins, as he almost certainly will, then he will have earned the gratitude of Hispanic voters across the country for putting their "first" on the nation's highest bench. If somehow he loses to a Republican filibuster, then those same voters will surely inflict their wrath on his adversaries.

Having chosen an affirmative-action candidate to chair the Republican National Committee (and another, years ago, to occupy a seat on the Supreme Court), GOP leaders could probably find a way to permit Sotomayor to ascend without mounting bitter, racially divisive opposition. A Republican president, George Herbert Walker Bush, originally nominated her to the federal bench, with support from the two New York senators at the time, hard-line conservative Alfonse D'Amato and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, no doctrinaire liberal. Among the conservatives who voted to seat her on the Second Circuit was Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, without significant opposition.

But the same impulses that have long driven the Republican Party toward ethnic polarization and immigrant-bashing seem certain to infect its opposition to her — in ways that can only benefit the Democrats and Mr. Obama in elections to come.

According to the conservative groups that will drive right-wing reaction to the Sotomayor choice, she is a "liberal activist." Even if that were true, it is fair to ask why Obama should not exercise the same prerogative that allowed George W. Bush to choose justices who reflected his perspective. After all, she is considerably more moderate in her thinking and practice than Chief Justice John Roberts — and less "activist" than he has been so far, as outlined in a recent profile of the chief justice in The New Yorker. □



Obama's Idea of Justice

Pat Buchanan

Creators Syndicate – When you think about it, Sonia Sotomayor is the perfect pick for the Supreme Court — in Barack Obama's America.

Like Obama, himself a beneficiary of affirmative action, she thinks "Latina women," because of their life experience, make better judicial decisions than white men, that discrimination against white men to advance people of color is what America is all about, that appellate courts are "where policy is made" in the United States. To those who believe the depiction of our first Hispanic justice as an anti-white liberal judicial activist, hearken to her own words.

Speaking at Berkeley in 2001, Sonia told her audience, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experience would more often than not reach a better conclusion (as a judge) than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

Imagine if Sam Alito had said at Bob Jones University, "I would hope that a wise white male with the richness of his life experience would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a Hispanic woman, who hasn't lived that life."

Alito would have been toast. No explanation, no apology would have spared him. He would have been branded for life a white bigot.

Judge Sotomayor will be excused because the media agree with her and she is a Latina who will use her court seat to impose upon the nation the values of the National Council of La Raza (The Race), of which she is a member.

Indeed, she sees this as her mission. Speaking at Duke in 2005, Sotomayor declared: "(The) court of appeals is where policy is made. I know this is on tape, and I should never say that because we don't make law I know." She and the audience joined in the laughter.

Who were they laughing at? Americans who still believe the role of judges is to apply the Constitution as the Framers intended and

to interpret the law as written by our elected legislators.

In Barack Obama's America, that is so yesterday. Sotomayor's support for discrimination against white males was on exhibit when Ricci v. DeStefano came before a three-judge panel of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals on which Sotomayor sits. Frank Ricci is the New Haven firefighter who, suffering from dyslexia but desperate to realize his dream of becoming an officer, quit his second job, bought \$1,000 worth of books and had a friend read them to him to prepare for the crucial exam. He made it, coming in sixth among 77 firefighters, qualifying for promotion to lieutenant.

A problem immediately arose. Seems that of those who qualified for promotion, all but one were white, and he was a Hispanic.

Can't have that. So, the New Haven City Council, under pressure from the usual suspects, threw out the tests, refused to promote Ricci or any white firemen, and called for new tests — to produce greater diversity. In other words, get rid of at least some of those white guys who somehow managed to come in near or at the top of their class.

Ricci and 19 other firemen sued, claiming they had been denied the promotions they had won for one reason: They were white.

What did Sotomayor's three-judge panel do with Ricci's appeal of the district court decision that turned him down? She tried to kill and bury it in a single dismissive unpublished paragraph so Ricci and the white firefighters would never get a hearing in the Supreme Court.

Stuart Taylor, former New York Times Supreme Court reporter and a National Journal columnist, charges Sotomayor with engaging "in a process so peculiar as to fan suspicions that some or all of the judges were embarrassed by the ugliness of the actions that they were blessing and were trying to sweep quietly under the rug, perhaps to avoid Supreme Court review or public criticism, or both." □

Phil Spector sentenced to 19 years to life

By LINDA DEUTSCH,
AP Special Correspondent
LOS ANGELES — Phil Spector was sentenced Friday to 19 years to life in prison for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson, who was shot through the mouth in the music producer's home six years ago. Spector, 69, looked straight forward and showed no emotion as Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler

ordered a term of 15 years to life for second-degree murder plus four years for personal use of a gun.

Clarkson's mother, Donna, made a brief statement before sentencing, speaking of her daughter's fine qualities, sense of humor, intelligence and dedication to her craft of acting.

"I'm very proud of Lana, proud to be her mother," Donna Clarkson said. She

added, "No one should suffer the loss of a child."

The judge also ordered Spector to pay \$16,811 in funeral expenses, \$9,740 to a state victims' restitution fund and other fees.

Spector, dressed in his customary dark pinstripe suit with a red silk tie, was led away immediately. His attorney asked that he be transferred immediately from county jail to a state prison. It was not immediately known to which prison Spector would be assigned.

Spector gained fame decades ago for what became known as the "Wall of Sound" recording technique that changed rock music.

Clarkson was most famous as the star of Roger Corman's 1985 cult film classic "Barbarian Queen." She was 40 when she died.

Spector's young wife, who is in her late 20s, attended the sentencing.

"This is a sad day for everybody involved," Rachelle Spector said. "The Clarkson family has lost a daughter and a sister. I've lost my husband, my best friend. I feel that a grave injustice has been done and from this day forward I'm going to dedicate myself to proving my husband's innocence."

Spector's son Louis, accompanied by his wife, also came to the sentencing. He had attended much of the trial.

"I'm torn about this," he said. "I'm losing my father who is going to spend his life in jail. At the same time, justice is served." Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson said afterward that the outcome sent a message: "If you commit crimes against our citizens we will follow you and prosecute you. And no matter whether you are famous or wealthy, you will stand trial."

Asked how he felt about Spector personally, Jackson said, "I find nothing tragic about him. Everything he did was intentional."

Jackson said the case was "rock solid" legally and will not be subject to a successful appeal. □



Music producer Phil Spector sits in a courtroom for his sentencing in Los Angeles, Friday, May 29, 2009. Spector has been sentenced to 19 years to life in prison for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, Pool)



FILE - In this Dec. 2, 2008 file photo, singer Britney Spears performs on ABC's 'Good Morning America' show at the Big Apple Circus in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, file)

Spears sued for running over photog's foot

LOS ANGELES — A former TMZ photographer is suing Britney Spears over an incident in which his foot was run over.

Ricardo Mendoza filed a civil lawsuit in Los Angeles on Friday against the singer. The lawsuit claims that Spears negligently operated her car and committed assault and battery when she ran over his foot in Beverly Hills in October 2007.

Several media outlets picked up footage of the incident, including celebrity gossip Web site TMZ, where Mendoza worked at the time.

TMZ, which first reported the lawsuit, auctioned off his tire-stained sock and donated the proceeds to charity.

The incident happened during a turbulent period for Spears, who hours earlier had lost custody of her two sons. She has since regained visitation rights. □



FILE - In this May 20, 2009 file photo, Angelina Jolie arrives for a screening of the film 'Inglourious Basterds', during the 62nd International film festival in Cannes, southern France.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

Jolie hospitalized, released after head bump

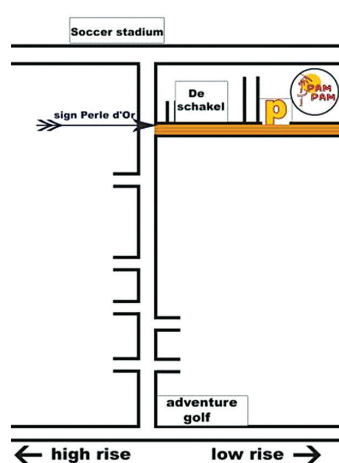
NEW YORK — A spokesman for Columbia Pictures says Angelina Jolie is back on the set of her latest movie after a brief trip to the hospital for a minor bump to the head.

Jolie sustained the injury Friday while filming an action sequence on Long Island in New York, where her upcoming thriller "Salt" is being shot.

Studio Spokesman Steve Elzer says the actress was taken to a local hospital, examined and released as a precautionary measure.

Elzer says she was back on the set Friday and production has resumed. □

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ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called 'Aruhiba'. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrochi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold cigars from outside, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of "Aruhiba" cigars in Aruba. The process took 5 years Petrochi's dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and



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A member of the audience works on a computer as President Barack Obama delivers remarks on securing the nation's cyber infrastructure, Friday, May 29, 2009, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

Obama setting up security for U.S. computers networks

LOLITA C. BALDOR

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has failed for too long to adequately protect the security of its computer networks, President Barack Obama said Friday, announcing he will name a new cyber czar to press for action. Surrounded by a slew of government officials, aides and corporate executives, Obama said the U.S. has reached a “transformational moment” when computer networks are probed and attacked millions of times a day.

“It’s now clear this cyber threat is one of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face as a nation,” Obama said, adding, “We’re not as prepared as we should be, as a government or as a country.”

He said he will soon pick the person he wants to head a new White House office of cyber security, and that person will report to the National Security Council and the National Economic Council — a nod to his contention that the country’s economic prosperity depends on cybersecurity.

While the coordinator’s exact title has not yet been decided, Obama addressed concerns that the person might not have the budgetary and policy-making authority needed to force change.

The coordinator, he said, will have “regular access to me.”

As many as a half dozen candidates — from the public and private sector — are being considered for the post, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

Obama’s announcement comes as the Pentagon is poised to create a new cyber command to improve protection of military networks and coordinate its offensive and defensive cyber missions.

Government officials have grown increasingly alarmed as U.S. computer networks are constantly assailed by attacks and scams, ranging from nuisance hacking to more nefarious probes and attacks, including suspicions of cyber espionage by other nations, such as China. Officials earlier this year revealed there was an attack against the electrical grid, and computers at the Pentagon were infected by a virus.

Even the president was a victim.

Obama said his presidential campaign’s own computer system was attacked last year, and hackers gained access to e-mails and files, but not to contributors or financial information.

“It was a powerful reminder: In this Information Age, one of your greatest strengths — in our case, our ability to communicate to a wide range of supporters through the Internet — could also be one of your greatest vulnerabilities,” said Obama.

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NYPD investigates how cop shot off-duty colleague



New York Police Department Community Affairs officers and others gather Friday May 29, 2009 outside the police station where fellow officer Omar J. Edwards worked in the East Harlem neighborhood of New York. Edwards, 25, who drew his gun while chasing someone he had found rummaging through his car, was shot and killed Thursday May 28 by a fellow officer who was driving by and saw the pursuit.

Associated Press

COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A police officer had just opened fire on a man he thought was a criminal, caught running through a desolate stretch of Harlem with a gun in his hand.

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APNewsBreak: Infamous terrorist flees to Lebanon

ADAM GOLDMAN

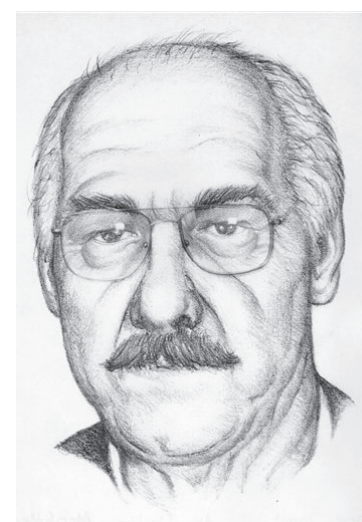
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A master bomb maker who once targeted commercial airliners and was suspected of aiding the Iraq insurgency has fled to Lebanon, an FBI official has confirmed.

There is information that 73-year-old Abu Ibrahim was reportedly in Tripoli, a city in northwest Lebanon, the official said earlier this week. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation continues.

The Palestinian terrorist is accused of bombings in the 1980s. He was indicted in the 1982 bombing of Pan Am Flight 830. The explosion killed a 16-year-old boy and wounded more than a dozen passengers as the plane headed to Honolulu from Tokyo.

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This undated file artist sketch, originally provided in March 2009 by the FBI, shows a likeness of master bomb maker Abu Ibrahim, whose real name is Husayn al-Umari. A master bomb maker who once targeted commercial airliners and was suspected of aiding the Iraq insurgency has fled to Lebanon, an FBI official confirmed Friday, May 29, 2009.

Associated Press

Labor Department suspends farm worker rules

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press



Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, left, speaks as Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner looks on during a news conference at the Treasury Department in Washington, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, after the annual spring meeting of the Social Security and Medicare Trustees to discuss the financial situation of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department on Friday suspended a regulation adopted shortly before President George W. Bush left office that would have made it easier for farmers to bring in foreign workers. Many immigration and labor advocacy groups had opposed the new rule for lowering

wages and eliminating some protections for temporary farm workers. But farm owners supported the Bush administration changes, saying they eliminated red tape that made it harder to bring in foreign workers to help harvest crops. The rule affects the H-2A guest worker program, which

lets employers hire foreign workers if they can't first find American workers. The new regulation took effect on Jan. 17, just days before President Barack Obama was sworn into office.

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis had proposed suspending the regulation in March. The suspension restores the old regulations governing the program while officials craft new rules. Democrats cheered the move, saying the regulation cut oversight of the H-2A program and made it much easier for employers to hire foreign workers over available American workers. "I commend Labor Secretary Hilda Solis for suspending this destructive midnight regulation that slashed

already low wages for farm workers," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee.

As many as 1 million people work in the nation's farms each year, and the Labor Department estimates that more than half are in the country illegally. Efforts to curb illegal immigration have left many growers concerned about facing fines for hiring undocumented workers.

Farm owners have long criticized the H-2A guest worker program as cumbersome and inefficient. Suspension of the regulation may pose a problem for some growers who expected to have more guest workers to help out at harvest time. □



President Barack Obama arrives to deliver remarks on securing the nation's cyber infrastructure, Friday, May 29, 2009, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

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Laying out a broad five-point plan, the president said the U.S. must provide the education required to keep pace with technology and attract and retain a cyber-savvy work force. He called for a new education campaign to raise public awareness of the challenges and threats related to cyber security.

The newly interconnected world offers great promise, but it also presents significant peril, the president said,

declaring: "Cyberspace is real, and so are the risks that comes with it."

He assured the business community, however, that the government will not dictate how private industry should tighten digital defenses. And he made it clear that the new cyber security effort will not involve any monitoring of private networks or individual e-mail accounts.

The Internet, he said, should remain open and free. Corporate leaders and cyber experts, however, say they

are concerned that the new coordinator will not wield enough power to force reluctant government agencies to put aside turf wars or dictate how they spend the millions of dollars the U.S. pours into its digital budgets.

"I expect that a position that has a lesser role, that doesn't have budget authority, that is reporting up through the NEC, would probably not result in the kinds of changes that really need to be made," said Gene Spafford, computer security expert and professor at Purdue University, where candidate Obama first pledged last year to make cyber a priority.

Obama said the coordinator will work with the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that agencies reflect the spending priorities needed.

Overall, computer company executives and members of Congress hailed Obama's announcement as a good first step, while warning that there is much hard work still to be done. "Because the private sector owns and operates the vast majority of our nation's critical infrastructure, government and business have a shared responsibility to defend our networks," said Ann Beauchesne, vice president of national security at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. □

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama personally sought to deflect criticism Friday of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, who finds herself under intensifying scrutiny for saying in 2001 that a female Hispanic judge often would reach a better decision than a white male judge.

“I’m sure she would have restated it,” Obama flatly told NBC News, without indicating how he knew that. The quote in question from Sotomayor has emerged as a rallying call for conservative critics who fear she will offer opinions from the bench based less on the rule of law and more on her life experience, ethnicity and sex. That issue is likely to play a central role in her Senate confirmation process.

Obama also defended his nominee, saying her message was on target even if her exact wording was not.

“I think that when she’s appearing before the Senate committee, in her confirmation process, I think all this nonsense that is being spewed out will be revealed for what it is,” Obama said in the broadcast interview, clearly aware of how ethnicity and gender issues are taking hold in the debate.

The president’s damage control underscored how the White House is eager to stay on message as the battle picks up to define Sotomayor publicly.

Obama’s top spokesman, Robert Gibbs, told reporters about Sotomayor: “I think she’d say that her word choice in 2001 was poor.”

Gibbs, however, said he did not hear that from Sotomayor directly. He said he learned it from people who had talked to her, and he did not identify who those people were. Sotomayor herself has made no public statements since her nomination became official Tuesday and was not reachable for comment.

A veteran federal judge, Sotomayor is poised to be

the first Hispanic and the third woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

She said in 2001: “I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn’t lived that life.” The remark was in the context her saying that “our gender and national origins may and will make a difference in our judging.”

Sotomayor’s comments came in a lecture, titled “A Latina Judge’s Voice,” that she gave in 2001 at the law school of the University of California, Berkeley.

After three days of suggesting that reporters and critics should not dwell on one sentence from a speech, the White House had a different message Friday.

“If you look in the entire sweep of the essay that she wrote, what’s clear is that she was simply saying that her life experiences will give her information about the struggles and hardships that people are going through that will make her a good judge,” Obama said in the broadcast interview.

Sotomayor appears headed for Senate confirmation, needing a majority vote in a chamber where his Democrats have 59 of the 100 votes. Beyond the final vote, White House officials are pushing for a smooth confirmation, not one that bogs down them or their nominee. Obama also wants a strong win, not a slim one.

Obama told NBC that part of the job of a Supreme Court justice is to stand in somebody else’s shoes and that Sotomayor will do that. “That breadth of experience, that knowledge of how the world works, is part of what we want for a justice who’s going to be effective,” Obama said. More than one line in the 2001 speech has helped drive the debate over Sotomayor’s judgment.

She also said, for example: “Personal experiences affect the facts that judges choose to see.”

“My hope is that I will take the good from my experiences and extrapolate them further into areas in which I am unfamiliar,” she said. “I simply do not know exactly what that difference will be in my judging. But I accept there will be some based on my gender and my Latina heritage.”

At the time Sotomayor gave the speech, she was in the same job she is now, a federal appeals court judge. She said then she was reminded daily that her decisions affect people and that she owes them “complete vigilance in checking my assumptions, presumptions and perspectives.”

“I willingly accept that we who judge must not deny the differences resulting from experience and heritage,” she added, “but attempt, as the Supreme Court suggests, continuously to judge when those opinions, sympathies and prejudices



are appropriate.”

In announcing Sotomayor as his choice, Obama said he wanted a judge who would “approach decisions without any particular ideology or agenda, but rather a commitment to impartial justice.” But he

also called her life experience essential, saying she had an understanding of “how ordinary people live.”

Next week, Sotomayor will begin face-to-face meetings with senators as the confirmation process begins to take shape. □



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Defense contractor with ties to Murtha suspended

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WASHINGTON —

A Pennsylvania defense contractor who got millions of dollars in congressional earmarks from Rep. John Murtha has been blocked from doing business with the Navy amid allegations of fraud.

Details of the suspension surfaced Friday as another Democrat who serves on the Murtha-chaired House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Rep. Pete Visclosky of Indiana, was subpoenaed in a Justice Department criminal investigation involving a Washington-area lobbying firm with strong links to both Murtha and Visclosky.

A federal grand jury subpoenaed records relating to a firm known as PMA Group from Visclosky's congressional office, his campaign committees and from some of Visclosky's employees. In recent months,

FBI agents raided PMA and the suspended Pennsylvania firm, Kuchera Defense Systems Inc.

During a brief news conference Friday at a Johnstown, Pa., trade show for defense contractors, Murtha turned aside questions about the suspension of Kuchera, a family-run business that has supported him with \$60,000 to his campaign and to his political action committee since 2002.

Over the past two years, Murtha has secured \$14.7 million in congressionally directed funds known as "earmarks" for Kuchera to perform work for the military, a tiny slice of Murtha's earmarks overall.

Asked about Kuchera's troubles, Murtha said, "What's that got to do with me? What do you think, I'm supposed to oversee these companies? That's not my job. That's the Defense Department's job."

Murtha is chairman of one of the most powerful panels

in Congress, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, where he has been a member for over two decades. Visclosky is the third-ranking Democrat.

In remarks to defense contractors before the news conference, Murtha defended the much-maligned practice of congressional earmarking, saying that the money he directs pays for road and sewer improvements and improving water quality in the western Pennsylvania region. Murtha said the annual trade show helps promote economic development there.

At the Pentagon, Navy spokesman Lt. Clay Doss said the Navy suspended Kuchera Defense Systems on April 23 for "alleged fraud," including "multiple incidents" of incorrect charges, along with allegations of defective pricing and ethical violations. In a story May 17, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette quoted a former Kuchera



Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., center, answers a reporter's question about Kuchera Defense Systems Inc., after attending a breakfast at the "Showcase for Commerce" trade show in Johnstown, Pa., Friday, May 29, 2009. Kuchera, a Pennsylvania defense contractor who got millions of dollars in congressional earmarks from Rep. John Murtha, has been blocked from doing business with the Navy amid allegations of fraud.

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director of human resources as saying that the firm had moved employees to Kuchera Defense from another Kuchera entity, Kuchera Industries, in a personnel move that would have effectively raised the amount of overhead costs on Kuchera Defense's government contracts, allowing the company to claim a higher reimbursement for its costs.

Regarding Murtha and PMA, in the last two years alone, the congressman has directed \$78 million in earmarks to clients of PMA. A former staffer on Murtha's subcommittee, Paul Magliocchetti, left Capitol Hill to start the lobbying firm in 1989, the same year Murtha became chairman of the subcommittee. A former chief of staff to Visclosky also went to work for PMA.

From 2005 through 2007, more than one out of every five dollars Murtha collected in campaign contributions came from PMA lobbyists or their clients — over a million dollars in all, according to

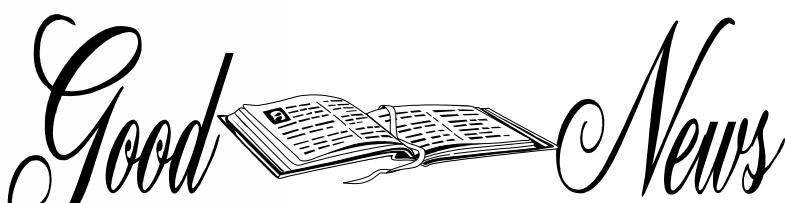
Federal Election Commission records.

The annual defense contractors' trade show in Johnstown, Pa., is in the heart of Murtha's congressional district. This year, seven of the world's largest defense contractors, who have been among the veteran Pennsylvania Democrat's biggest campaign contributors over the years, helped bankroll the "Showcase for Commerce."

In a 15-month span ending March 31, employees of the seven defense contractors sponsoring the Johnstown show this week put over \$200,000 into Murtha's campaign account.

The seven are Lockheed Martin Corp., the Boeing Co., BAE Systems PLC, Northrop Grumman Corp., General Dynamics Corp., Raytheon Co. and DRS Technologies Inc.

Next Wednesday, Murtha has scheduled a fundraiser in a Washington, D.C., town house next door to Democratic Party headquarters. □



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But when paramedics arrived at the scene and cut through the bloodied clothes, the officers realized the man handcuffed and dying in the street was wearing a police academy T-shirt underneath his street clothes, and had a badge in his pocket.

He was a rookie cop chasing down a thief who had just broken into his car.

Now, police are trying to determine whether any disciplinary or legal action will be taken against the officer who fired or whether the victim, Omar J. Edwards, might not have followed proper procedure. The officer who fired and two others involved were placed on administrative duty during the investigation, and it is too early to say whether anyone was at fault, said police spokesman Paul Browne.

"The matter is under investigation. I'm not going to characterize the shooting in any way," he said Friday. The episode once again raised questions about whether the NYPD is too trigger-happy, especially when the targets are black. The officers are white; Edwards was black.

Edwards left his shift early at the police housing bureau in Manhattan's Harlem neighborhood Thursday around 10:30 p.m. local time when he noticed a man rummaging through his car along a darkened street. The man, Miguel Santiago, had used a metal spark plug to smash the window, police said.

Edwards struggled with Santiago, who wriggled out of his shirt and took off running. Edwards pursued him with his 9 mm Smith

& Wesson handgun drawn, witnesses told police.

Meanwhile, Officer Andrew Dunton, a sergeant and another officer in an unmarked gray police car came upon the two men running. The officers were on routine patrol from the neighboring 25th Precinct anti-crime unit.

Santiago, who ran past the officers, said later that he heard Dunton yell, "Police! Stop! Drop the gun!"

That's when Edwards, in front of the police car, turned toward the officers with his service weapon in hand, police said. Dunton fired six times from behind the passenger's door; Edwards was hit in the left arm, hip and back. He died at the Harlem Hospital Center about an hour after the shooting.

Though the official cause of death was a gunshot to the chest, the bullet that caused the fatal injury entered the left side of Edward's back before hitting his heart and left lung, said medical examiner spokeswoman Ellen Borakove. It lodged in the front of his chest.

Edwards did not fire his weapon, and Browne said that so far, no witnesses say he identified himself as an officer.

The other two officers ran after Santiago and arrested him on charges of petit larceny and resisting arrest. He was briefly hospitalized Friday but was being held at the 25th Precinct, police said. He was apparently living at a shelter.

Dunton, 30, has been an officer for four years.

On Friday, lawmakers and residents debated whether race played in the shooting even as the NYPD is the most diverse it's ever been.

The Rev. Al Sharpton,

a prominent civil rights activist, said he got calls shortly after the shooting "from black officers who were at the precinct and were alarmed by the shooting of Omar Edwards." Sharpton called for a federal investigation.

"Can police investigate themselves fairly and impartially? It would seem very difficult at best and unlikely in fact," he said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly was planning to meet with community leaders and concerned lawmakers during the weekend.

The 25-year-old Edwards joined the department in July 2007, and his family said he always wanted to be a cop.

"He was a wonderful, wonderful child from when he was small," said his father, Ricardo Edwards.

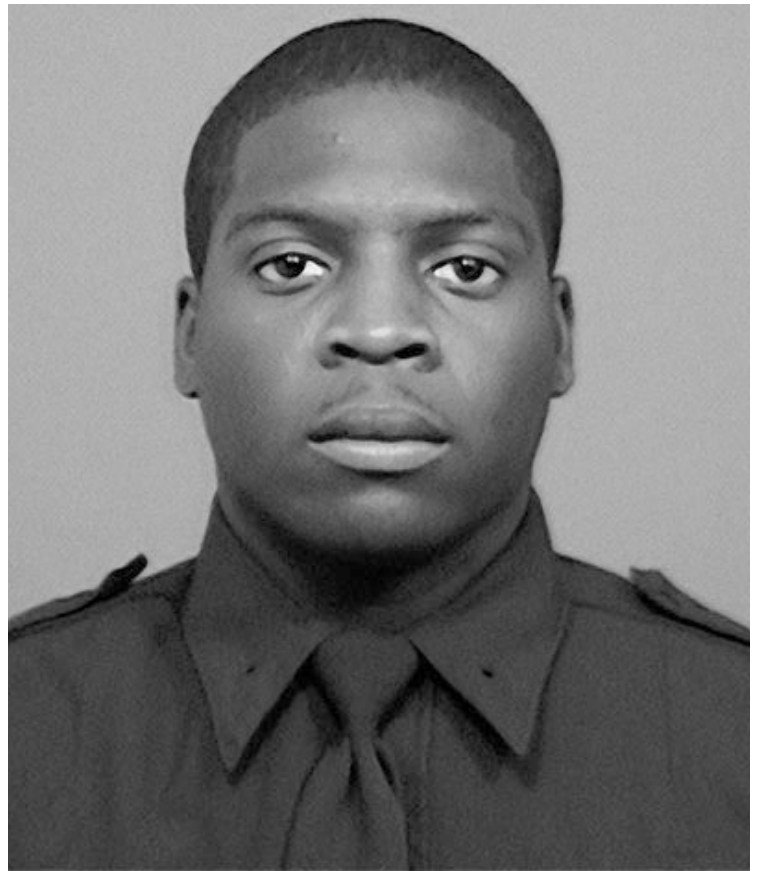
Omar Edwards lived in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn with his new wife and two small children. He was assigned to the Impact Response Team, a roving team of officers that helps flood higher-crime areas with officers.

Edwards also played defensive tackle for the NYPD football team last year but took this season off to get married.

On Friday, purple and black bunting hung in front of the police station, and several vigils were held for the family. More were planned for the weekend. The NYPD changed its on-the-job training for June to cover confrontations between officers.

The shooting recalled other cases of off-duty policemen being shot and killed by fellow officers.

In 2008, a black, off-duty Mount Vernon police officer



This undated photo provided by the New York City Police Department shows officer Omar J. Edwards, who was fatally shot by another police officer Thursday, May 28, 2009. Edwards, 25, who drew his gun while chasing someone he had found rummaging through his car, was shot and killed by a fellow officer who was driving by and saw the pursuit.

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was killed by a Westchester County policeman while shot and killed by an on-duty patrolman who was suspect in suburban White Plains. In 2006, a New York City police officer, Bronx

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In this Aug. 11, 1982 file photo, investigators in Honolulu collect debris as they search for clues after an explosion on Pan Am Flight 830. A master bomb maker who once targeted commercial airliners and was suspected of aiding the Iraq insurgency has fled to Lebanon, an FBI official confirmed Friday, May 29, 2009.

Husayn al-Umari. Ibrahim has remained out of reach for decades while living in Baghdad. With the help of the Iraqi Intelligence Service, Ibrahim ran a much-feared terrorist organization called "15 May," which was named for the date Israel was founded.

Ibrahim, a devout Sunni who was born in Tripoli, is suspected of carrying out more than two dozen attacks on mainly American, Israeli and Jewish targets in a career that spans decades.

The Iraqi government also used him to conduct terrorism operations against Syria and Iran. In his book, former CIA spy master Duane R. Clarridge wrote that Ibrahim had a "talent for constructing ingenious machines of death, such as refrigerator trucks whose cooling pipes were filled with liquid explosives." He trained a slew of operatives in the art of bomb making whose expertise metastasized across the Middle East, including Mohammed Rashed and Abu Ziad. Rashed is behind bars at the Supermax maximum-security prison in Florence, Colo. He's scheduled to be released in less than four years.

Some still remain unaccounted for, like Ziad.

Ziad, 60, who was born in

Bethlehem, assisted Ibrahim in Baghdad in the early 1980s, according to CIA investigative notes obtained by The Associated Press. The notes say Ziad lived in Sudan for two years before leaving for Algiers, Algeria, in 1989. His current whereabouts are unknown.

A former senior CIA official who was stationed in Baghdad after the Iraqi invasion in 2003 said there were serious suspicions that Ibrahim had helped the insurgency.

The official said Ibrahim had recently slipped into Lebanon through Syria after coalition forces began to increase efforts to drive insurgents out of the Mosul area and the Saladin Province in Iraq, where Ibrahim had been operating.

The former CIA official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he still works in the Middle East, said that Ibrahim had also gone to Tripoli.

Ibrahim's second wife, Selma, is from Tripoli.

"He's got a lot of resources there," the official said.

Ibrahim's family also has connections to the Badawi Palestinian refugee camp on the northern fringes of Tripoli, according to the CIA notes.

The U.S. does not have an extradition treaty with Lebanon. □

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The FBI has been looking to catch Ibrahim for decades and has recently increased its efforts to arrest him. In April, an FBI committee recommended Ibrahim be placed on agency's list of most wanted terrorists.

The FBI is also trying to tap a State Department reward program to boost the bounty for his capture to millions of dollars. Ibrahim's real name is



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US officials: North Korea may launch new missiles

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea on Friday vowed to retaliate if punitive U.N. sanctions are imposed for its latest nuclear test, and U.S. officials said there are new signs Pyongyang may be planning more long-range missile launches.

With tensions rising, the communist nation punctuated its barrage of rhetoric with yet another short-range missile launch — the sixth this week. Perhaps more significantly, officials in Washington said there are indications of increased activity at a site used to fire long-range missiles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because methods of gathering information about North Korea are sensitive. The officials also said an initial U.S. air sampling from near the underground test site was inconclusive.

Officials said the initial analysis doesn't prove the North successfully completed an atomic reaction. At least one more test is coming.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the latest test launch was a surface-to-air missile designed to defend against aircraft or other missile attacks. It said the missile was believed to be a modified version of the Russian SA-5.

The nuclear test and flurry of missile launches, coupled with the rhetoric from Pyongyang that it won't honor a 1953 truce ending the fighting in the Korean War, have raised tensions in the region and heightened concerns that the North may provoke a skirmish along the border or off its western coast — the site of deadly clashes in 1999 and 2002.

But officials said the heavily fortified border remains calm and U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Washington does not see the situation as a crisis warranting any more troops to augment the 28,000 U.S. forces already in South Korea. North Korea remained strident.

"There is a limit to our patience," its Foreign Ministry



A South Korean navy vessel pasts by South Korean fishing boats near Yeonpyeong Island, west of South Korea's northwestern coast, in the Yellow Sea Friday, May 29, 2009. South Korean and U.S. troops raised their alert Thursday to the highest level since 2006 after North Korea renounced its peace treaty with the allied forces and threatened to strike any ships trying to intercept its vessels.

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In this undated photo released on Thursday, May 28, 2009, by Korean Central News Agency via Korea News Service in Tokyo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, center, visits the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, Anju city, Pyongan Namdo province, North Korea. South Korean and U.S. troops raised their alert Thursday to the highest level since 2006 after North Korea renounced its truce with the allied forces and threatened to strike any ships trying to intercept its vessels.

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said in a statement carried on the North's official Korean Central News Agency. "The nuclear test conducted in our nation this time is the Earth's 2,054th nuclear test. The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council have conducted 99.99 percent of the total nuclear tests."

North Korea said it conducted the test in self-defense. It has asserted the United States is planning a pre-emptive strike to oust the regime of leader Kim Jong Il and warned it would not accept sanctions or other punitive measures being discussed by the Security Council.

"If the U.N. Security Council makes a further provocation, it will be inevitable for us to take further self-defense measures," the Foreign Ministry said. It reiterated that it no longer sees

the truce as valid, but it has made that claim several times in the past.

The draft of a U.N. resolution being negotiated in response to the North's second nuclear test calls on all countries to immediately enforce sanctions imposed after the North's first test in 2006.

They include a partial arms embargo, a ban on luxury goods, and ship searches for illegal weapons or material. The sanctions have been sporadically implemented, with many of the 192 U.N. member states ignoring them. The partial draft, obtained Friday by The Associated Press after it first appeared on the Inner City Press Web site, would have the council condemn the North's May 25 nuclear test "in the strongest terms ... in flagrant violation

and disregard" of the 2006 resolution.

A list of proposals was sent Wednesday to the five permanent veto-wielding council members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — and the two countries most closely affected by the nuclear test, Japan and South Korea.

North and South Korea technically remain at war because they signed a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953. North Korea disputes the U.N.-drawn maritime border off its west coast and has positioned artillery guns along the west coast on its side of the border, Yonhap said.

Experts say a new war would probably begin with artillery and missiles capable of hitting Seoul with little or no warning, followed by an attempt to

invade the capital before the South could respond. Civilian and military destruction would be great, with many casualties, even if the North did not use nuclear weapons, although the consensus U.S. view is that the South would prevail.

From the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, about a dozen Chinese ships could be seen pulling out of a North Korean port and heading elsewhere, possibly to avoid any skirmishes.

Yonhap reported that more than 280 Chinese fishing vessels were in the area earlier this week, but the number is now about 140. It was not clear if the Chinese vessels, in the area for the crabbing season, were told by the North to leave or if they did so on their own.

"For now, it seems quiet," said construction worker Lee Hae-un, 43. "But if North Korea provokes us with military power, I think our government should actively and firmly counteract it."

South Korean and U.S. troops facing North Korea raised their surveillance Thursday to its highest level since 2006, when the North first tested a nuclear device.

A squadron of F-22 stealth fighters — the most advanced in the U.S. Air Force — were due to arrive Saturday on the southern Japan island of Okinawa, and Friday's missile launch may have been the North's attempt to show it has the means to shoot them down, or at least make any incursion into its airspace risky.

Its other launches this week were of land-to-sea missiles, a warning that it can strike warships that come too close. The United States has repeatedly denied any intention to attack North Korea.

In Washington, the Army's top officer, Gen. George Casey, expressed confidence that the U.S. could fight a conventional war against North Korea if necessary, despite continuing conflicts elsewhere.

Gates, en route to Singapore for regional defense talks, tried to lower the heat. □



In this Friday, May 23, 2008 file photo, the village of Abyei in southern Sudan is seen mostly burned down with looters roaming the village freely, after days of fighting the previous week. An intense flare-up of tribal clashes in southern Sudan over the last three months has killed about 900 people and could threaten an election crucial to the 2005 peace deal that ended two decades of civil war with the north, according to aid workers and U.N. officials Thursday May 21 2009.

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KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Fighting between rival Arab tribes in western Sudan's oil-rich Kordofan region killed almost 250 people over two days earlier this week, including 75 policemen, Sudan's interior minister said. Tribal clashes over cattle grazing and water rights is common across Sudan, but the violence has grown worse over the years with the number of arms left over from the two-

decade long civil war between the north and the south that ended in 2005.

The Messariah and Rezeigat tribes that clashed Tuesday and Wednesday straddle the border region between southern Kordofan and neighboring Darfur, where a separate conflict that has claimed 300,000 lives has raged for more than six years. Interior Minister Hamed Ibrahim told the Cabinet on Thursday that in addition to the police, 169 tribesman were

Sudan: Almost 250 people killed in tribal clashes

killed in the fighting, including 89 from the Messariah and 80 from the Rezeigat. Calm has now returned to the area, he was quoted as saying by the state news agency.

A previous round of fighting last year between the two tribes left over 70 from both sides dead, Messariah chief Babou Nimr Mukhtar told The Associated Press.

Mukhtar said fighting began Tuesday when 2,000 Rezeigat gunmen on horseback and in trucks attacked his tribe. Police were deployed to the area to prevent the fighting but were attacked by the Rezeigat, he said.

"Calm is restored. But there is no guarantee it will last,"

said Mukhtar. He stressed that tribal chiefs, not security forces, were the only ones who could end the rivalry.

Mukhtar said 109 people from his tribe were killed in the fighting, 20 more than the government indicated. The differences could not immediately be reconciled, and it was unclear if all the tribesman killed were gunmen.

These clashes are separate from the war in Darfur between mostly ethnic African rebels and government forces and allied Arab militias. Many fear the Darfur conflict could spill over into neighboring Kordofan, exacerbating already rising violence.

Separate tribal clashes in the country's south over the last three months claimed the lives of some 900 people, mostly women and children.

Hamid, the interior minister, said the government was investigating the cause of this week's fighting and would bring the instigators to trial.

Kouider Zerrouk, a spokesman for the U.N. in Sudan, called the clashes "very alarming" and said the organization was also investigating.

Fighting in southern Kordofan is particularly concerning because it contains some of Sudan's largest oil resources and its borders are disputed by northern and southern officials in the government. □

Fire breaks out on Italian ferry, 500 evacuate

ROME (AP) — Fire broke out Friday on an Italian ferry carrying more than 500 people to the island of Sicily, forcing all passengers to evacuate by lifeboat to another ferry and a coast guard vessel.

The Vincenzo Florio ferry was traveling from the mainland port of Naples to Palermo, the Sicilian capital, when the fire erupted in its car hold as the boat came within 25 miles (40 kilometers) of its destination.

The fire continued to rage as the ferry was towed toward Palermo, Sicily's fire department said.

The ferry's 526 passengers were evacuated to the coast guard ship that came to the rescue and another ferry, said Palermo port official Cosimo Seminara.

Some of the passengers were taken off on stretchers when the vessels arrived in Palermo. More than 50 were taken to hospital, mostly because of the effects of smoke and were soon released, officials said. Among them was a pregnant woman and two infants.

Passenger Stefano Friscia said crew started knocking on the doors of cabins at 4 a.m. to tell passengers to get on deck quickly.

"The smoke became darker and darker, it was hard to breathe, the whole ship filled with smoke and they ordered the lifeboats lowered," he told Sky TG24.

Most of the 35 crew members initially stayed on board to help put out the flames, but the captain later ordered a complete evacuation because the fire was spreading, said Roberto Ardizzone, a spokesman for Sicily's firefighters.

The cause of the fire was still being investigated.

The ship, which belongs to the Italian ferry company Tirrenia di Navigazione SpA, was being towed to Palermo.

Ardizzone said firefighters would have a better chance of stopping the blaze once the ship was in port.

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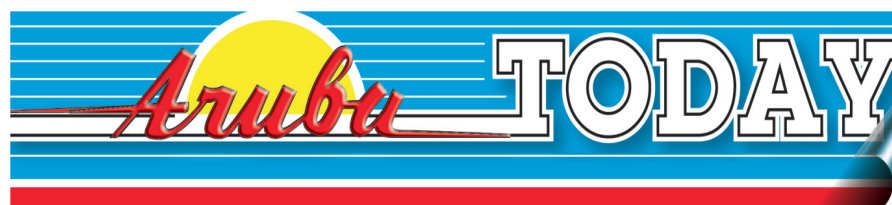
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Indian Rights group says five Amazon tribes at extreme risk

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Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Five Amazon tribes are closer to extinction than any of the scores of other indigenous groups living in voluntary isolation worldwide, an Indian rights group said Friday.

While loggers, ranchers and oil companies have encroached on their lands in the jungles of Peru, Brazil and Paraguay, those countries' governments have failed to protect them, allowing outsiders to destroy their forests and expose them to unfamiliar diseases, London-based Survival International said in a report.

Many tribe members are now fleeing illegal loggers in Peru for Brazil's vaster jungles, said Jose Carlos Meirelles, a Brazilian government researcher in the Brazilian Amazon.

Brazil's government last year released photos of a dozen isolated Indians firing arrows at an airplane outside grass-

thatched huts near Brazil's Peruvian border.

But top Peruvian officials have said there is no proof of any such tribes' existence, with President Alan Garcia suggesting in a 2007 newspaper column that they may have been invented by environmentalists opposed to Amazon oil drilling.

Mayta Alatrasta, head of Peru's Indian Affairs office, acknowledged the tribes' presence, but said a government investigation found no evidence of forced migrations.

Peru has opened 75 percent of its Amazon territory for oil exploration, including on lands legally titled to Indians. Paris-based oil company Perenco SA plans to invest \$1 billion by 2012 to drill in the remote jungle near Peru's border with Ecuador, a region inhabited by isolated tribes.

Thousands of Amazon Indians in Peru have blocked an oil pipeline and stalled transport



Indians from the Tubinamba ethnic group, demonstrate during a march at the Terra Livre, or Free Earth, indigenous camp in Brasilia, Thursday, May 7, 2009. Thousands of Indians from different Brazilian tribes are attending the camp, which ends May 8, demanding more attention from the government to indigenous issues.

across six jungle provinces for more than a month to protest oil activity and to demand the repeal of laws they say open their lands to further

development.

Survival International says there are more than 100 indigenous groups living in voluntary isolation worldwide,

but the five Amazon tribes, totaling several hundred people, are most at risk due to the pace of encroaching development. □

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Rachel Alexandra won't run in Belmont Stakes



Rachel Alexandra, left, and jockey Calvin Borel, win the 134th running of the Preakness Stakes horse race at Pimlico Race Course on Saturday, May 16, 2009, in Baltimore. Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, left, with jockey Mike Smith aboard finished second,

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JEFFREY McMURRAY
Associated Press Writer
LEXINGTON, Kentucky (AP) — Preakness Stakes winner Rachel Alexandra will not run in the Belmont Stakes, opening the way for jockey Calvin Borel to return to Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird in his quest for a personal U.S. Triple Crown. Jess Jackson, Rachel Alexandra's co-owner, said on Friday the spectacular filly "deserves a well-earned vacation." Rachel Alexandra, the first filly to win the Preakness in 85 years, had been set to work out on Monday at

Churchill Downs in Louisville, and no announcement was expected until after that. But Jackson explained she simply needed a rest after running — and winning — four graded stakes races since March 14, including a dominating victory in the pre-Derby Kentucky Oaks. "We know the media and many fans would have liked to see her run in the Belmont Stakes — we feel the same," Jackson said in a statement. "But all of us sincerely interested in the horse must agree that we only want to see her run when it is best for her. While she is in great shape, having strong works, and recovering well from her amazing performances, we feel Rachel deserves a well-earned vacation." Borel was the mount for both Mine That Bird in the Derby and Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness and Oaks. He

was set to ride her again in the Belmont, but Mine That Bird's trainer Chip Woolley had said he was prepared to wait — even into next week — if there was a chance Borel could become available again. "We hate she's not going to be in there for horse racing, but at the same time it's maybe better for me," Woolley said on Friday in a phone interview. "It was a very strange year where you had two great horses and the same guy riding both of them." Borel was already planning to be aboard Mine That Bird on Monday at Churchill for his final workout before shipping to New York for the Belmont. In a statement from the New York Racing Association, Borel thanked Woolley and Mine That Bird's owners "for being so gracious and allowing us to wait for this decision." □

Rockies fire manager Clint Hurdle

ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies fired manager Clint Hurdle on Friday, less than two years after their incredible "Roctoher" run to the World Series. He was replaced by bench coach Jim Tracy. Without reliable hitting, pitching or defense, the Rockies stumbled to an 18-28 start and were 14½ games behind Los Angeles in the National League West division heading into Friday's action. Hurdle, who had been Colorado's manager since replacing Buddy Bell three weeks into the 2002 season, had a 534-625 win-loss record.

He led the Rockies to their one and only trip to the World Series in 2007, where they were swept by the Boston Red Sox. Tracy has a 562-572 managerial record with the Los Angeles Dodgers (2001-05) and Pittsburgh Pirates (2006-07), with a division title in 2004. He joined the Rockies' staff this winter at the behest of general manager Dan O'Dowd.

Hurdle, who was in the final year of his contract, was



Colorado Rockies bench coach Jim Tracy, left, and manager Clint Hurdle look on against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the eighth inning of the Dodgers' 8-6 victory in a baseball game in Denver on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

Associated Press

hamstrung this season by the loss of his best hitter and his best pitcher as the Rockies got off to their second straight slow start, which affected attendance. Slugger Matt Holliday was traded to Oakland in November after refusing a contract extension, and ace Jeff Francis was lost for the season with shoulder surgery this spring — not that Hurdle ever used that as an excuse. Hurdle was never one to complain about the club's cost-conscious ways, which likely helped earn him a longer leash from ownership

than fans would have liked. Except for that magical month at the end of the 2007 season, when the Rockies won their first NL pennant by going on an unfathomable 21-1 run-up to the World Series, Hurdle's teams never were very good. Aside from their 90-73 record in '07, when they won the wild card in a one-game playoff against San Diego, the Rockies owned nothing but losing records under Hurdle — he's the only manager in major league history to begin his career with five consecutive losing seasons and not get fired for it. □

Former Olympic champion Ruby dies in climbing fall



In this Jan. 19, 2003 photo, Karine Ruby from France celebrates her victory of the women's bordercross competition on the podium at the snowboard World championships at the Kreischberg, Austria. Karine Ruby died Friday May 29, in an accident in Chamonix, France.

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CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Karine Ruby, a former Olympic snowboarding champion who had been training to become a

mountain guide, died Friday in a climbing accident on France's Mont Blanc range, a French police official said. She was 31.

Laurent Sayssac, a police official in Chamonix, said Ruby was roped to other climbers when she and some members of the group fell into a crevasse. Ruby and one other climber, a 38-year-old man from the Paris region, died in the fall, while a 27-year-old man was seriously injured.

The group was climbing across a glacier on their way down the mountain when the accident took place, Sayssac said. The injured man was evacuated by helicopter and has been hospitalized, Sayssac said. In a statement Friday, French Prime Minister Francis Fillen hailed Ruby as an "exceptional sportswoman." □

Cavaliers stay alive, beat Magic 112-102 in Game 5

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers stayed alive in the NBA playoffs with a 112-102 win over the Orlando Magic on Thursday, cutting the deficit in their Eastern Conference finals series to 3-2.

Cleveland star LeBron James had 37 points, 14 rebounds and 12 assists, and Mo Williams added 24 points.

"You never want to disappoint the home crowd by not coming out and play as hard as you can," James said. "It was win or go home."

The Magic overcame a 22-point deficit but missed their first opportunity to close out the Cavaliers, who are trying to become just the ninth team since 1947 to rally and win a series after being down 3-1.

Orlando has two more chances to clinch the series and reach the NBA finals for the first time since 1995. Game 6 is in Orlando on Saturday, with a possible Game 7 in Cleveland.

James scored 17 points in the fourth quarter and had a hand in 29 of Cleveland's 34 points in the final 12 minutes.

Williams, his trusty sidekick all season, helped him, as did Zydrunas Ilgauskas (16 points), Delonte West (13) and reserve Daniel Gibson (11), who made two vital 3-pointers in the fourth.

For Orlando, Hedo Turkoglu scored 29 and Dwight Howard had 24 points and 10 rebounds before fouling

out with 2:22 remaining.

The Magic have twice ended series on the road this postseason, winning a Game 6 in Philadelphia and a Game 7 in Boston to make the conference finals. For a while it looked like Orlando might do it again, taking a 79-78 lead into the fourth quarter.

James had other plans. He picked up his first assist of the final period on 3-pointer by Williams and his second on a 3 by Gibson. Cleveland then turned to its superstar every time on offense, spreading the floor and forcing the Magic to defend him.

He also had four rebounds and four assists in the final quarter.

"The game is basically all LeBron, all the time," said Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy, who was called for a technical in the second quarter. "If he gets in the paint, it's automatically a foul. One of the things we have to do, we can't keep putting him on the line 20 times a game. We have to find a way to stop that."

Down 32-10 with 3:40 left in the first quarter, the Magic started knocking down 3s and outscored the Cavs 45-24 the remainder of the first half.

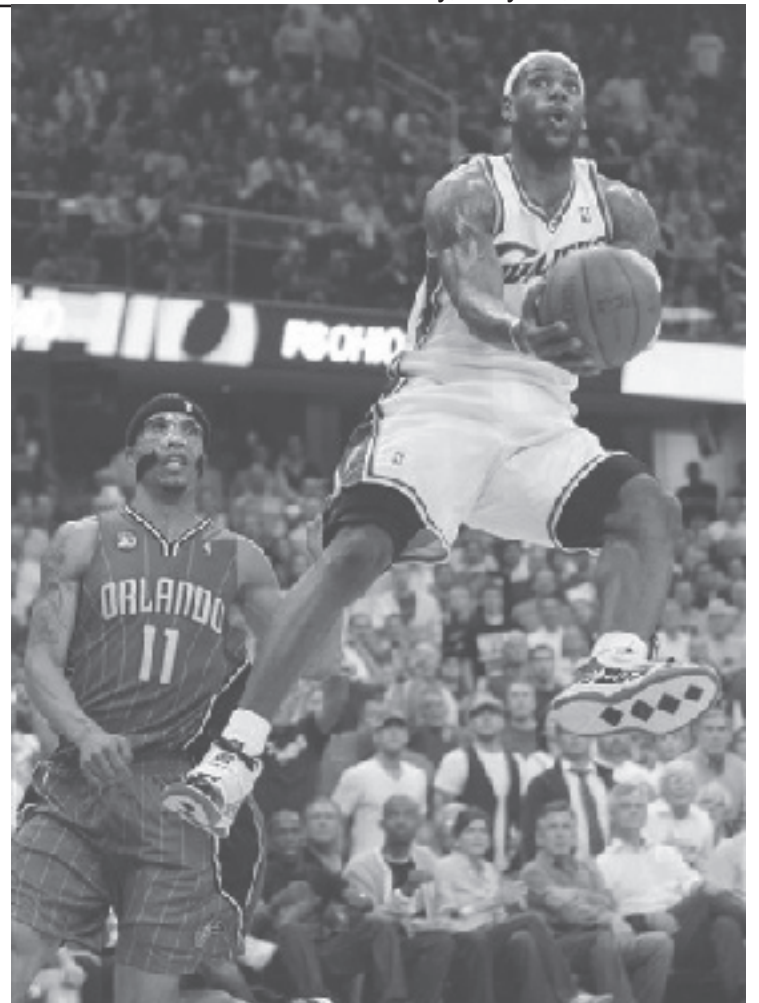
The Magic, who made just eight 3s after hitting 17 in Game 4, then opened the third with nine straight points as Turkoglu hit a 3-pointer and Orlando was within 94-93 after Turkoglu made three free throws with 4:46 left. James then whipped a pass to Gibson

for a 3 to make it 97-93.

Orlando missed on its next trip and James dropped a jump shot. Mickael Pietrus missed the next time down and James was able to foul out Howard, who smiled as he headed to the bench knowing he and his teammates are still in control of the series. □

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James gets inside Orlando Magic's Courtney Lee (11) for a shot in the third quarter of Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals Thursday, May 28, 2009, in Cleveland.

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4 ejected in Boston's 3-1 victory over Minnesota

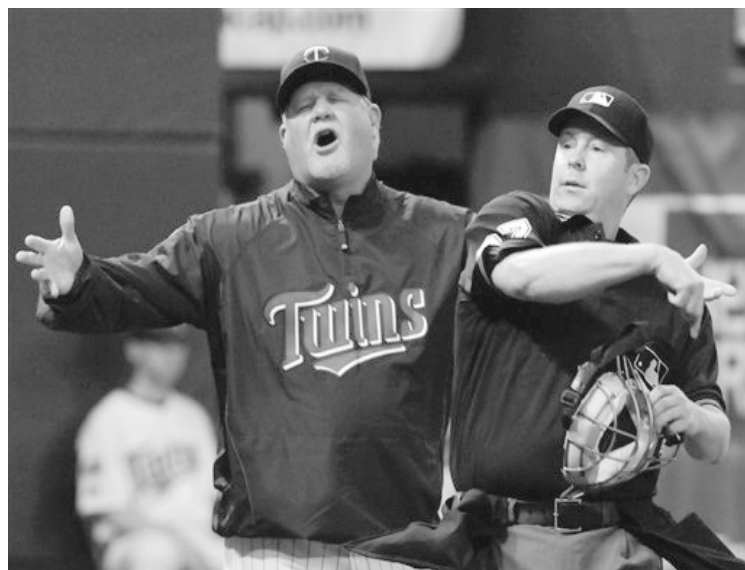
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jason Varitek hit two home runs and was one of four people ejected by umpire Todd Tichenor during Boston's 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins in the American League on Thursday.

Joe Crede hit a home run in his return from a three-game absence because of a bruised hand, but Red Sox starter Josh Beckett (5-2) allowed only one run on three hits with four walks and eight strikeouts in seven innings.

Varitek hit solo homers off Anthony Swarzak (1-1) to lead off the fifth and seventh innings.

Tichenor gave the boot to both catchers and both managers during a wild seventh inning that started with an apparent tag by Twins catcher Mike Redmond on Boston's Jeff Bailey as he barreled home. Replays showed Redmond hit Bailey's arm before Bailey touched home. But Tichenor called Bailey safe. Redmond was tossed for protesting, followed by manager Ron Gardenhire for defending Redmond.

In the bottom of the inning, Beckett threw a pitch that Varitek tried to frame for strike three on Brendan Harris.



Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire, left, is thrown out by plate umpire Todd Tichenor after protesting the ejection of Twins' catcher Mike Redmond after Boston Red Sox's Jeff Bailey was called safe at the plate to score in the seventh inning of a baseball game Thursday, May 28, 2009 in Minneapolis.

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When he didn't get the call — replays showed it appeared to be outside — Beckett seethed. Varitek got in Tichenor's face and was ejected, followed by Red Sox manager Terry Francona.

Indians 2, Rays 1

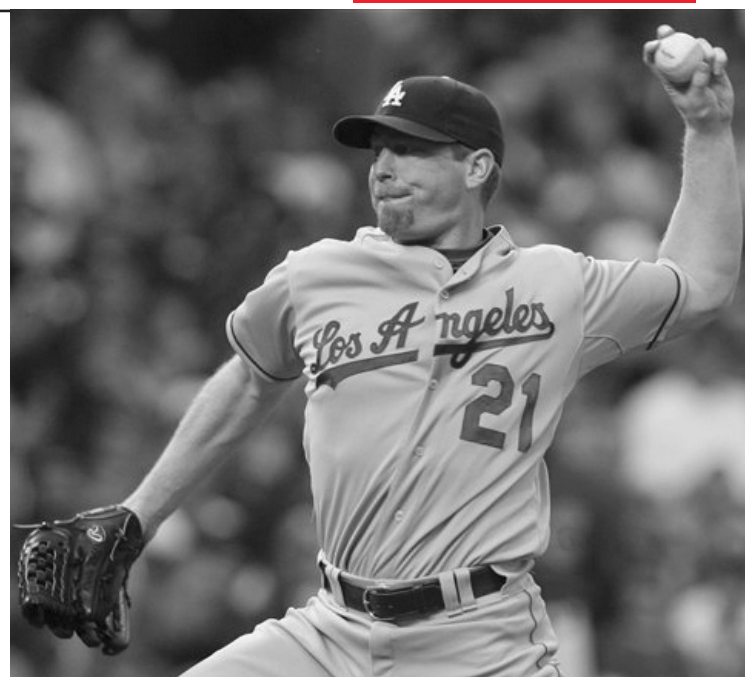
At Cleveland, rookie David Huff and four relievers combine to stifle Tampa Bay as Victor Martinez drove in both runs for Cleveland to sweep the defending AL champion.

It's the first four-game sweep

for the Indians since they did it to the Rays last July. The Rays have now lost 17 in a row in Cleveland, the longest road losing streak against one team in club history.

The Rays' run came on Willy Aybar's homer in the sixth, which was upheld after using video replay. Tampa Bay has lost five straight.

In other AL games, it was Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 3, Minnesota 1; and Baltimore 5, Detroit 1.



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Randy Wolf delivers against the Chicago Cubs during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, May 28, 2009, in Chicago.

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NL Roundup

Dodgers edge out-of-touch Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Randy Wolf pitched impressively into the eighth inning, guiding Los Angeles to a 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs in the National League on Thursday and giving the Dodgers a fourth straight win.

Juan Pierre had two hits and scored a run for the Dodgers, who have the best record in baseball at 34-15.

The out-of-form Cubs learned earlier in the day their ace pitcher Carlos Zambrano was suspended six games for his tirade during Wednesday's victory over Pittsburgh.

Wolf struck out seven and walked one.

Los Angeles reliever Ramon Troncoso wriggled out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth to secure the victory. Chicago had the bases loaded with one out but Troncoso struck out Bobby Scales and Jake Fox to end the game.

Diamondbacks 5, Braves 2

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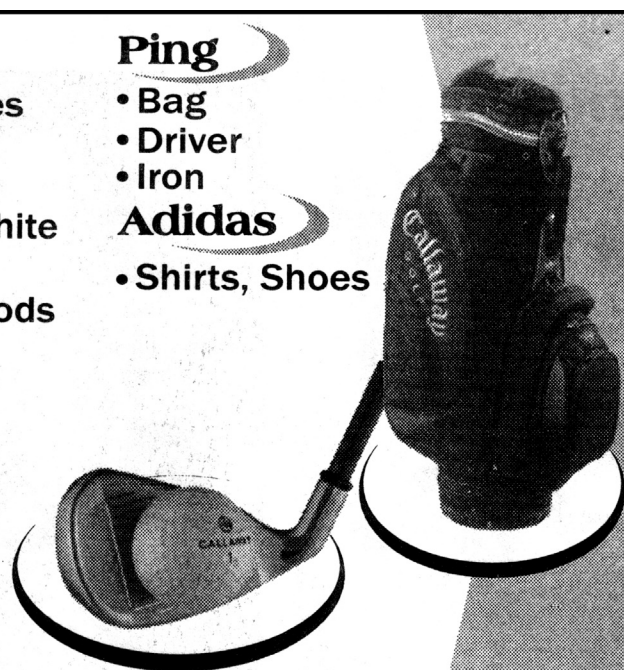
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Primer ministro de Perú advierte podría renunciar

LIMA (Reuters) - El primer ministro de Perú advirtió el viernes que podría renunciar si no siente el apoyo del partido oficialista, en momentos en que enfrenta un paro de nativos amazónicos y críticas a la lucha contra la guerrilla y el narcotráfico. Tras la advertencia, representantes del partido oficialista APRA en el Congreso salieron a respaldar a funcionario, Yehude Simon, y hasta le pidieron disculpa por la ausencia de legisladores durante su exposición en el Parlamento. Simon presentó el jueves en el Congreso el plan del Gobierno para combatir a la guerrilla y al narcotráfico

en la zona remota conocida como el VRAE, pero su presentación fue recibida con escepticismo en el parlamento.

En un momento, muchos legisladores de la oposición y el oficialismo abandonaron el Congreso y dejaron prácticamente solo a Simon junto a otros dos miembros de su gabinete.

“Si mi presencia no es cómoda para el partido de gobierno no tengo ningún problema (en renunciar), porque aprecio al Presidente y lo valoro y está tratando de hacer las cosas bien, yo daría un paso al costado”, dijo Simon a periodistas.

“El Congreso tenía que haber

escuchado el plan VRAE y notamos una ausencia muy importante de la mayoría de los parlamentarios. Si tenían tanta preocupación con ese plan ¿por qué no participaron ni escucharon?”, afirmó.

Simon, quien estuvo preso en la década de 1990 por supuestos vínculos con el Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru (MRTA), asumió en octubre la jefatura del gabinete de Gobierno tras un escándalo de corrupción en una empresa estatal. □

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Café the Plaza

Café the Plaza
(at Renaissance Marketplace, Downtown)
International Cuisine
Phone: 583-8826
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Daily Live music.
A Dutch style restaurant with moderate prices
Open from 10.00 am - 01.00 am
7 days a week
www.cafetheplaza.com



Tango Argentine Grill

Tango Argentine Grill
(at Arawak Garden, High Rise Hotels)
International Cuisine and Charcoal Grill
Phone: 586-8600
Dinner and Daily Live Music. World famous Argentine beef prepared on open charcoal grill.
Open from 5.00 pm - 11.00 pm
7 days a week
www.tangoaruba.com



Salt & Pepper

Salt & Pepper
(at Arawak Garden, High Rise Hotels)
International Cuisine and Tapas
Phone: 586-3280
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Daily Live music by local artists and bands on our large terrace.
Open from 8.00 am - 01.00 am
7 days a week
www.saltandpepperaruba.com



MooMba Beach

MooMba Beach
(between Holiday Inn & Marriott Surf Club)
International Cuisine
Phone: 586-5365
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Daily Live Music.
Enjoy dinner by torch light... barefoot on the beach. Open from 7.00 am - 11.00 pm
Bar open from 10.00 am - 01.00 am
www.moombabeach.com



Sopranos Piano Bar

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Bar with Live Entertainment
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Extensive Cocktail menu. Daily live music, request your favorite songs and sing along! Open from 5.00 pm - 01.00 am
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www.sopranospianobar.com



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International Cuisine
AAA/4 Diamond Award
Phone: 583-9200
Lunch and Dinner
A refined dining experience.
Restaurant open from 11.30 am - 11.00 pm
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www.matildearuba.com



Mambo Jambo

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International & Latin Cuisine
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www.mambojamboaruba.com



Hadicurari

Hadicurari Restaurant
(between MooMba Beach and Marriott Surf Club)
International and Seafood Cuisine
Phone: 586-2288
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
'Seafood with a view'
Restaurant open from 8.00 am - 11.00 pm
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